THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATIJAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) and (b) In the last few years, a notional surplus of power has arisen in the Eastern Region because of low load growth and addition in generating capacity in the region. An action plan has been formulated for improving the plant load factor of the generating stations and exporting the available surplus power in the Eastern Region to the neighbouring regions over transmission elements which are under construction or are planned to be constructed. The existing transmission capacity for evacuation of surplus power in Eastern Region is 1500 MW which is planned to be increased to 5350 M W by February, 2006.

Bringing power generated by NTPC at Kayamkulam to Central Pool

3142. SHRIN.K.PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring the power generated from the NTPC at Kayamkulam in Kerala to the Common Central Pool; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYA WANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Kayamkulam Combined Cycle Power Plant (350 MW) is fully dedicated to Kerala and so the entire power generated from the project is made available to the State. However, Kerala has recently expressed its intention to surrender 100 MW power from this plant for one year during off-peak hours. The proposal for inclusion of this surrendered power in the Regional Energy Account in Southern Region is to be considered by the Southern Region Electricity Board. Thereafter, a decision in the matter will be taken by the Government.

Shortage of power in Karnataka

3143. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of power and the voltage is very low in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of total requirement of power of the State;

(c) whether the State Government has established any new power generation plant during the last two years; if so, the details thereof; and